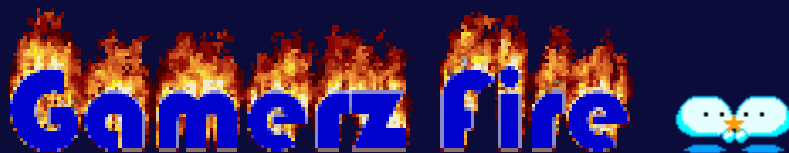
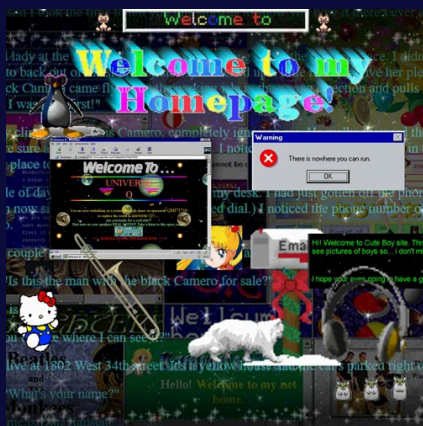


Lumi's Old Internet Exploration Document

Hi! I'm putting this together so I can have a master document of funny things I stumble upon while browsing [old web pages and videos](#). Digging into rabbit holes like these is extremely fun to me so I'll try to update this regularly with gems and beauties I find, as well as the methods I use to find these things!



If you're looking to go down this rabbit hole, may I suggest indulging in some [MIDI archival albums](#) I've put together as soundtrack for your adventure?

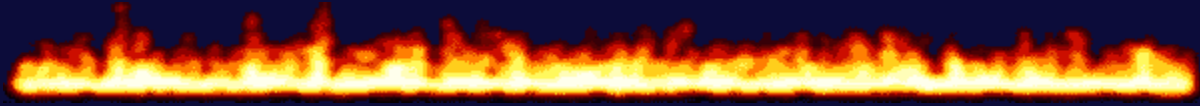


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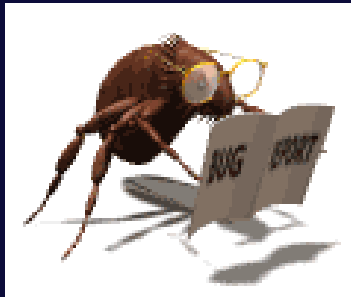
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Resources

Looking to go off exploring for yourself? Here's a bunch of resources that I've found to be **ABSOLUTE GIFTS FROM GOD** when it comes to finding old media.

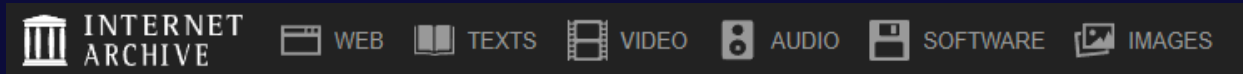


> Internet Archive @ web.archive.org

The Internet Archive is potentially the best resource for any form of media available to humans methinks. If you're unfamiliar with the Internet Archive, it's like a really big digital library where you can find quite literally any form of media out there, upload it and archive it for preservation.

This site has **books, films and TV archival, audio recordings (such as music, podcasts, etc), software and images** galore. You can use it for crate digging, sample searching, "retro(?)" gaming and experiencing media that would

otherwise be unavailable through official sources, whether they be defunct or unavailable.



Now, one of the single most special things about the internet archive is something that I didn't mention earlier, which is something called the [Wayback Machine](#). This is a resource which allows you to save the current state of any website on the internet. That snapshot of the site will then be available for the rest of time, and you'll be able to access it at any time.

> [Geocities](#)

Geocities was a free web hosting service that was active from the [mid 1990s to the late 2000s](#). This provided an ecosystem full of [personal blogs, fiction libraries, video game clan hosts and much more](#) that spans a pretty large chunk of the early internet era. You could also browse websites via whatever "City" they may be located in.



Unfortunately, due to Yahoo! Inc. being a BITCH Geocities was taken down in October 2009. Luckily, the internet banded together to archive as much as they could before the shutdown. Thusly, there is a huuuuge library of websites that can still be explored via these archives. Here's a couple ways to explore these:

➤ The Geocities Gallery @ geocities.restorativland.org

The Geocities Gallery is a Geocities archival effort by restorativland which sorts archives by cities, making for an **authentic browsing experience**. In my experience this one seems to mostly archive the homepage and one page down into its hyperlinks. Any media and even pages beyond that are near impossible to come across, though it's definitely enough to be entertained for a very long time!

Area51



Science Fiction, Fantasy. Added April 1996.

Atlantis	Aurora	Capsule	Cavern
Chamber	Comet	Corridor	Crater
Dimension	Dreamworld	Dunes	Dungeon
Hollow	Jupiter	Keep	Labyrinth
Lair	Matrix	Meteor	Nebula
Neptune	Nova	Omega	Orion
Planet	Portal	Quadrant	Quark
Quasar	Rampart	Realm	Saturn
Shadowlands	Shire	Shuttle	Stargate
Starship	Station	Underworld	Vault
Zone			

Athens



Education, literature, poetry, philosophy. Added August 1995.

Academy	Acropolis	Aegean	Agora
Atlantis	Atrium	Bridge	Column
Crete	Cyprus	Delphi	Forum
Ithaca	Library	Marathon	Marble
Olympus	Oracle	Pantheon	Parthenon
Rhodes	Sparta	Stage	Styx
Thebes	Troy		

Hollywood



Film and TV. Added July 1995.

Academy	Agency	Boulevard	Bungalow
Camera	Chateau	Cinema	Club
Derby	Film	Guild	Heights
Highrise	Hills	Interview	Land
Location	Lot	Makeup	Mansion
Movie	Palace	Park	Pavillion
Picture	Prop	Screen	Set
Star	Studio	Theater	Trailer
Video			

HotSprings



Health and fitness. Added April 1996.

Bath	Chalet	Falls	Oasis
Resort	Retreat	Sauna	Spa
Villa			

MadisonAvenue



Advertising. Added May 1997.

Boardroom	Commercial	Newsstand	Suite
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This is already cool enough, but what makes this one of my favorite resources on the internet is that if you click any of the GIFs that's given to you, you'll be redirected to the source page for that file! This makes digging through these websites super fun since you can run through multiple queries and follow blindly into wherever luck will take you. There's some serious gold behind these funny-looking image sequences.

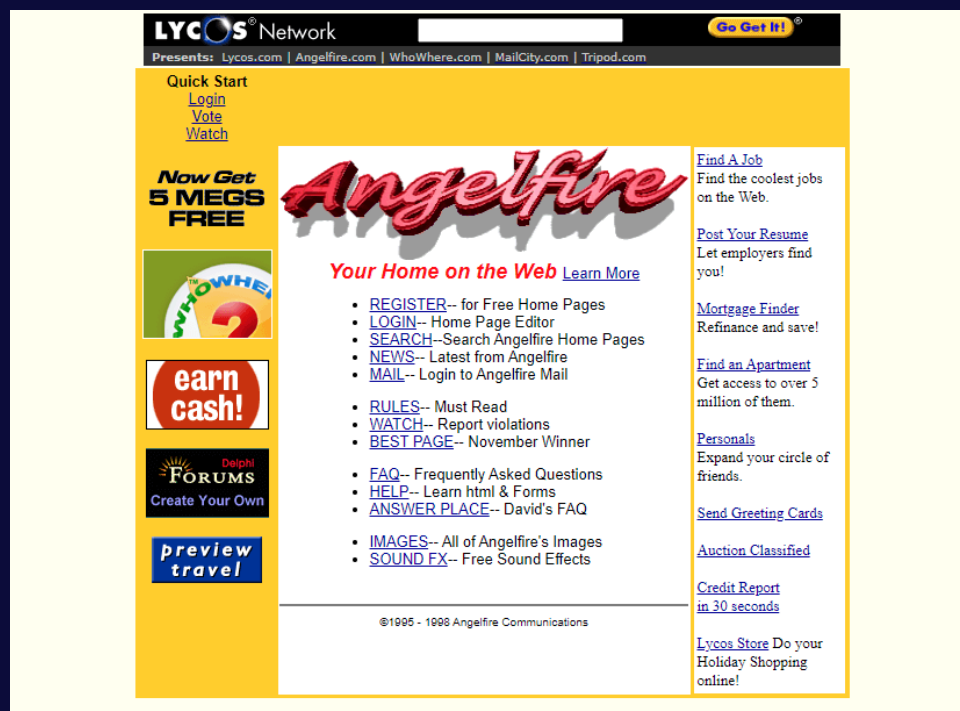
Another benefit of using this method is that I've had more luck digging deeper into the Internet Archive's snapshots of these sites. There's more pages and files archived than on restorativland and there's also the fact you can check multiple dates in most snapshots on the Internet Archive, so you could potentially see the evolution of a website on top of everything too!



The only downside (if you could even consider it that) is that the Internet Archive's snapshots aren't capable of playing MIDI files in-website like restorativland can. So instead of playing, they'll just force-download themselves onto your computer. This can be fun, I mean it's how I compiled the albums at the start of this document, but it can get a little cluttery in your downloads folder after a while.

> Angelfire @ angelfire.com

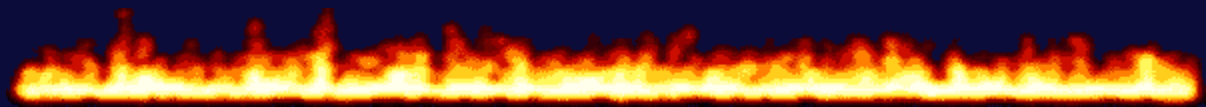
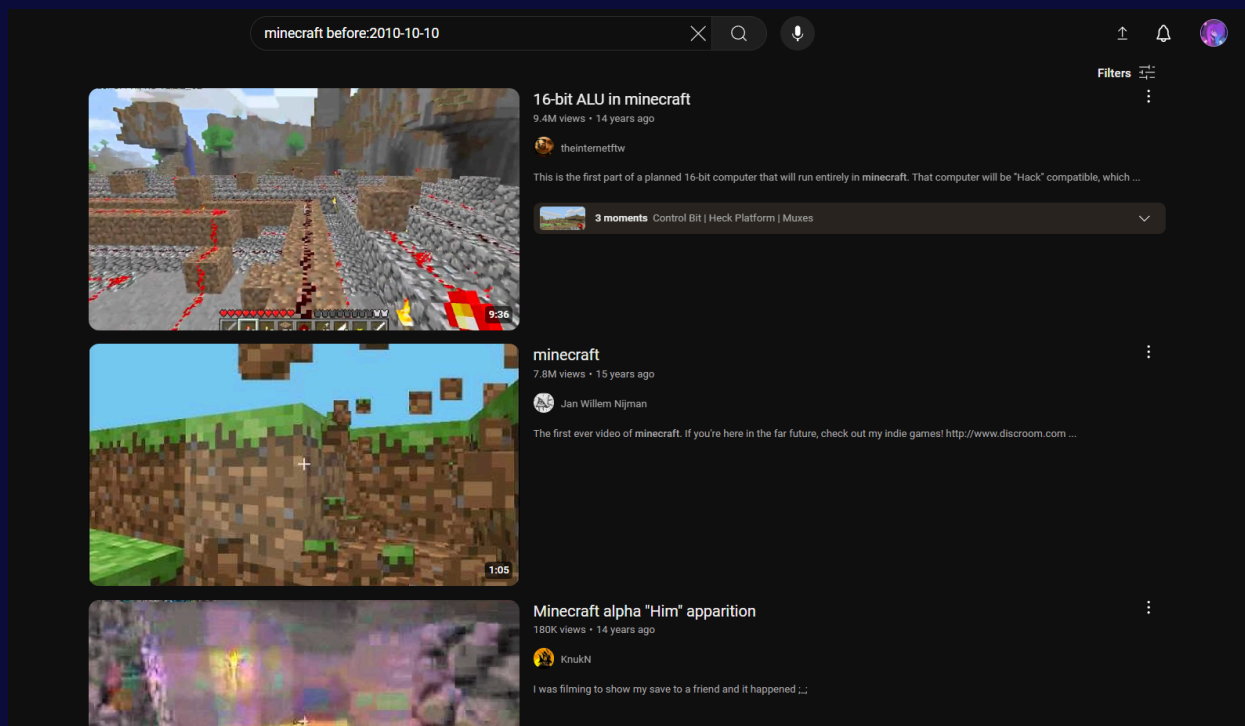
Similar to Geocities, Angelfire is a web hosting service that launched in 1996. However, unlike Geocities, **this service is (somehow) still up on the regular-ass normal-ass internet!** I've still yet to truly dig into Angelfire. In fact, only yesterday did I discover that it wasn't actually defunct, so I'll definitely update this section in the future as I learn more about it. It's in my radar though!



> Early YouTube Videos

Just like early internet web pages, early YouTube videos are an absolute goldmine that should not be slept on. While YouTube does have a "Filters" button after you do a search, these options are rather limited for our purposes, so how do we go around searching for old videos, you may ask? A little search engine magic, of course!

Simply type a term of your choice, followed by the search operator "before:" and a date. I usually default to 2014-10-10, but you can adjust to different time frames according to what you'd like to search for! If you're looking for that truly vintage shit, going back to even 2010 as the limit will still yield you a respectable amount of results! From Minecraft, to sick cat videos, Sonic ship slideshows and more! This trick also works on Google, so you can also use it to find beautifully crusty art on DeviantArt or circumvent the immense amount of AI that floods Google Images now.



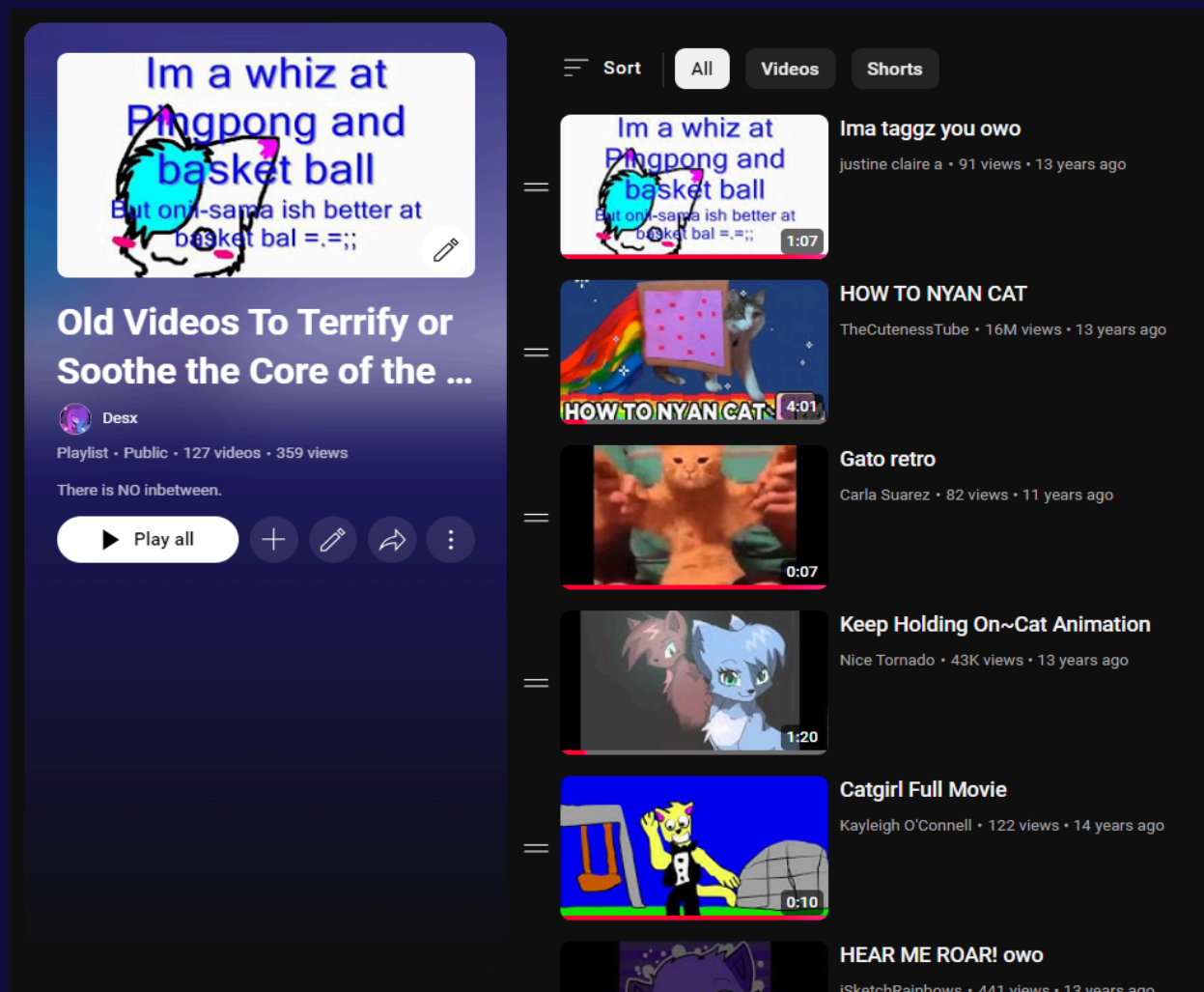
Awesome Finds

This section of the document is dedicated to things I've personally found during my journeys that I don't ever want to forget. Some of these are seriously wild and need to be studied. From insane backstories and rabbit holes to some incredible media, I'll try to include as much as I can!

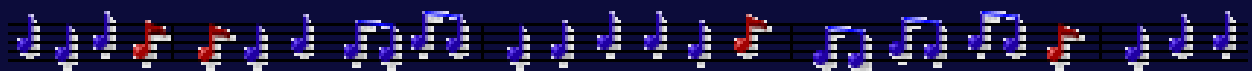
Here's a link to a playlist I use to keep track of some of the most awesome videos I find! If you do go through these, I personally would suggest keeping interaction to a minimum to preserve these awesome comment sections (a lot of these are so beautiful to read through, especially the gay Sonic ship slideshows).

> OLD VIDEOS TO TERRIFY OR SOOTHE THE CORE OF THE SOUL

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYeGrnt9yEwXHm6hfYKRr07bmBRMHf_vF



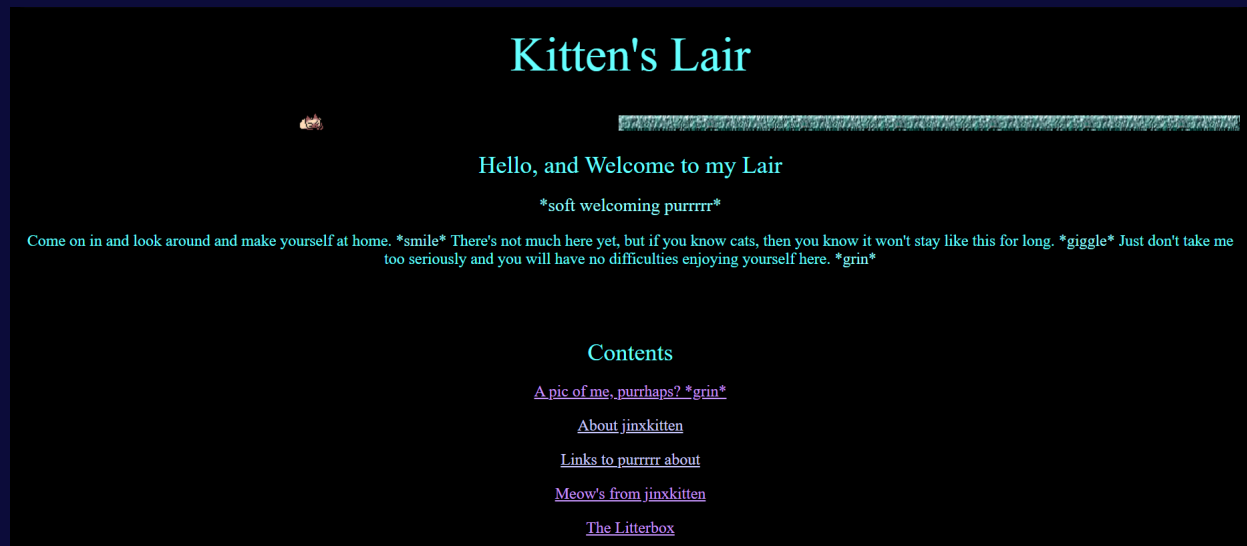
Now, in no particular order, here's some rabbit holes I've gone on that have lived rent-free in my head for a long time.



> jinxkitten's Lair

This was one of my first gold finds, all the way back in 2022. I believe I was looking through cat gifs on Gifcities and I eventually found my way onto [this website](#), last updated in 1999 by a user called "jinxkitten". There is A LOT

to unpack with this person's website. But this is like, I guess the best way I can describe it is some maia crimew bullshit going on in this site. The owner of this blog has such a personality!



In a section of the site titled "Meow's from jinxkitten" there seems to be a collection of stories, jokes and other such Literature. Some of these are fucking insane. Positively buckwild. Here's a few that will live rent free in my brain for the rest of time.

- [You're a Jackass!](#) - This is potentially one of the single most unhinged things I've ever read on the internet. I won't spoil anything, just take a read for yourself and enjoy the ride.
- [AT&T](#) - I love prank calls, I really do. This story keeps the unhinged going and had me extremely fearful of the person running this blog until I realized they didn't write every story. Still though, holy fuck!
- [About jinxkitten](#) - This is just this person's About Me, but the way it's written... there's just something about it you know? So much charm and personality to be had *grin*

> Count On Me! For Rain

This one is definitely one of my favorite finds ever. I'm extremely fascinated by old internet furries and the media they create, whether that's max-saturation fursonas or crispy animations, I love how charming the fandom has been since the very beginning. While searching through videos with multiple variations of "owo" I found [this beautiful animation by Elliot @ FIREBLAZEKITTY on YouTube.](#)



Count On Me! For Rain

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Elliot

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195 views 12 years ago

You can very clearly see the default Windows Movie Maker transitions that my heart absolutely adores, and it's a generally beautiful video about these two friends named Miso and Rain to the tune of Bruno Mars's Count On Me. It's so beautiful and it warms my heart every time. It is unironically one of my favorite videos on the internet and it barely has 200 views after 12 years of being up.

Now, something that I always get curious about when I find these old videos is if the people who uploaded them are still around at all. Usually the answer is no. I mean, these videos are well over a decade old, so usually these people move on with their life, get a job, and generally don't have time or remaining whimsy for silly internet things. Some of the people who made Geocities pages are now 50! Particularly when it comes to YouTube videos a lot of these channels have been completely abandoned, which is unfortunate because with some of the furry animations I find, I WANT MORE!!! Unfortunately this is the case with Elliot's channel, and attempts to find them on other platforms have been unsuccessful.

On the beautifully wholesome comments section however I found Rain thanking Miso for the animation (which apparently they made in 2 days?! holy shit?!), and since their OC was very colorful I figured I'd check their channel out in search for more of this kinda stuff.



@RAINBOWS103 12 years ago

Aw.. Miso.. I can't believe this..
It's so amazing.. Thank you.. I'm in tears ONCE AGAIN.
But... Woah..
You did so much work into this.. I must make you one like this!

Thank you Miso..

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@SpazzNyaa1 12 years ago

awwwwwwww <3<3<3<3 this is so adorable <3

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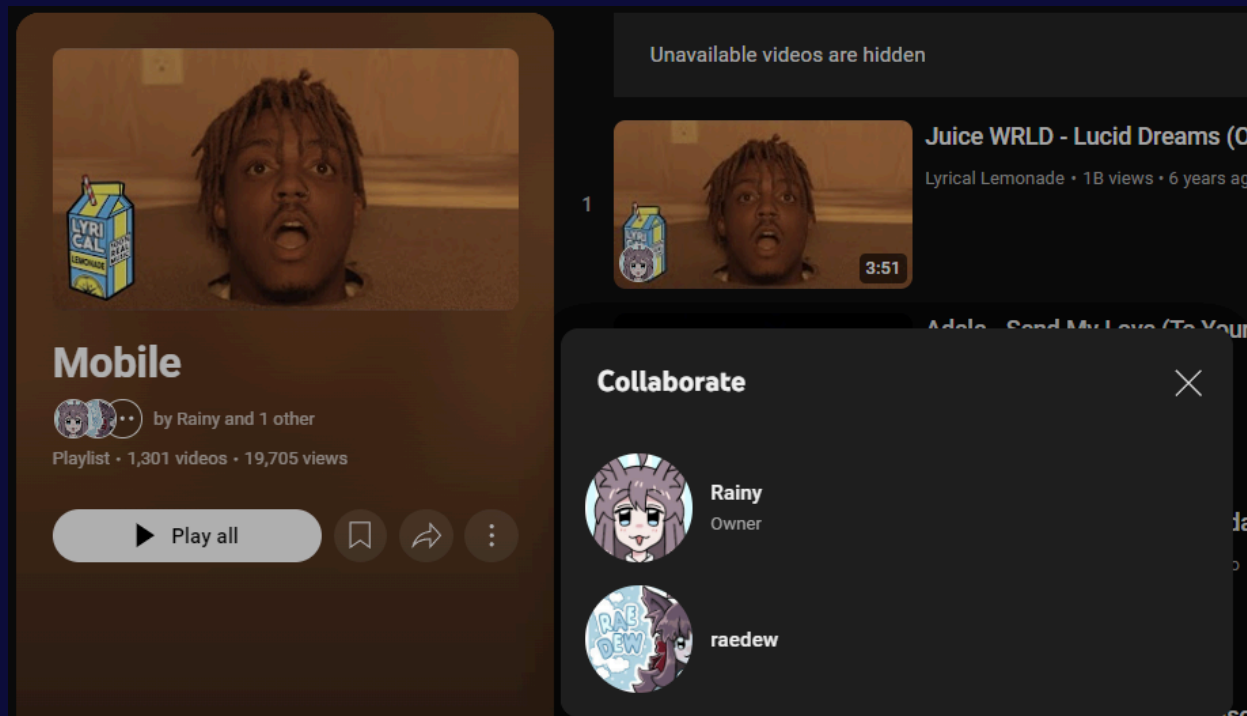


@FIREBLAZEKITTY 12 years ago

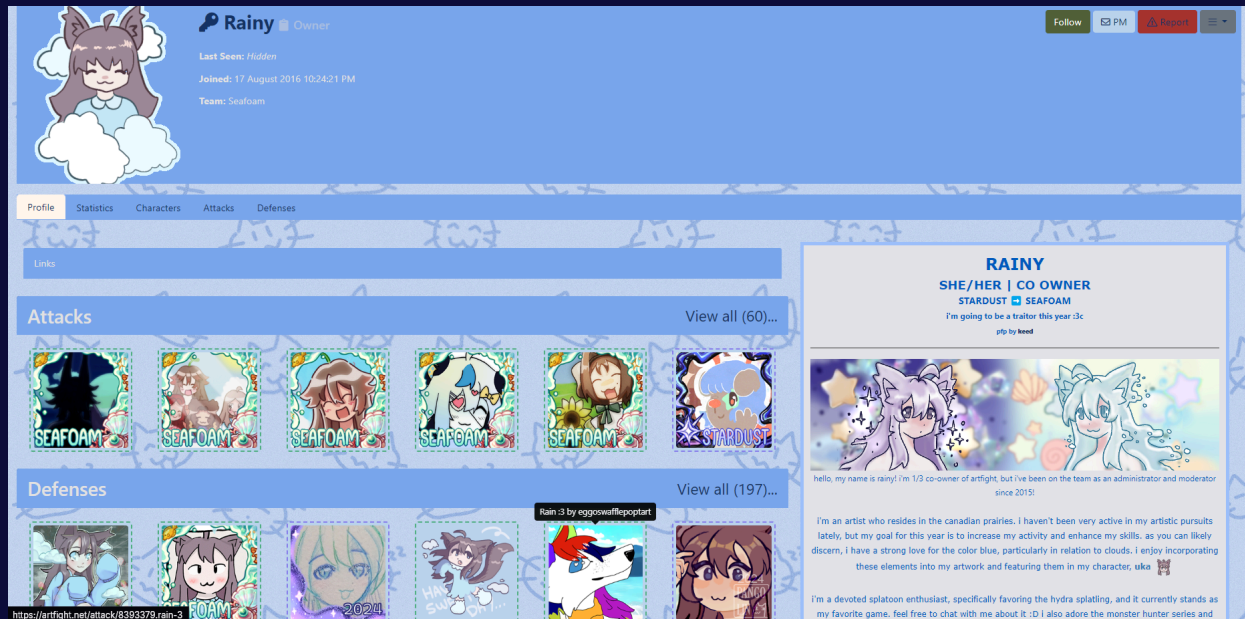
No Rain.. Its fine.. But i am just so happy that u like it! ^-^
SEE!?!?! I TOLD U I WOULD MAKE U CRY AGAIN! >:D
It really wasnt all that hard... it took only 2days.. a real good GOOD goooooo animation takes like... a month! i died..
=u=

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Initially I thought I reached another dead end, since the channel hadn't uploaded anything in over 8 years, and searches for the tag RAINBOWS103 didn't have any useful results. However, I made a huge breakthrough: looking at the channel playlists. Almost immediately, I was quite surprised to find not only a playlist with Juice WRLD's Lucid Dreams in the thumbnail, but also a playlist titled "Art Fight". These are all fairly recent in comparison to the videos on the channel, so I figured I'd take a peek, and I noticed something on one of the playlists.



This was a collaborative playlist! And there was another channel with a similar profile picture called raedew, which I then decided to check out. This channel was significantly fresher than the other one, being composed mostly of animation memes with the last upload being a year ago. I then also noticed that there was a Twitter linked to the channel, and upon opening it, I found this person's website. At this point I still wasn't ready to conclude that this was Rainy's new username, but upon hovering some of the links on their website, I made two incredibly shocking revelations. First off, the website linked to their Art Fight profile, and sure enough, their username there is Rainy, and one of the most recent Defenses on their profile is the exact same OC used in the original Count On Me! For Rain video. I was already happy with this discovery. I'm happy that they're still around and doing their thing you know!



And then I looked to the right and realized... wait a fucking second.

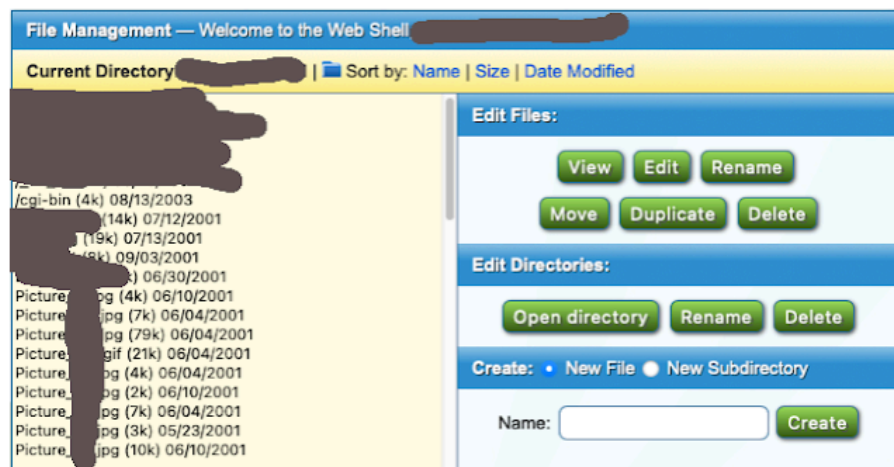


Rainy is one of the co-owners of Art Fight! Holy fucking shit! What the fuck?!?!? That's insane. That's actually insane. This is like the craziest discovery ever, and something that I was completely unprepared for.

Definitely one of the wildest small world moments I've ever experienced, and all from a fucking WMV furry slideshow.

> This Angelfire Couple

Something beautiful about Angelfire still being up is that EVERYTHING is still there. As I was researching further into Angelfire I found [a blog post from this guy named Jim](#) who used the Internet Archive to find his way back onto his Angelfire account and dig up a bunch of files that he didn't even realize could be recovered. It's insane to see and it makes me very happy, since he managed to dig up old photos of himself and his partner before posting a recent picture of the both of them, and they have a child now? Holy shit!



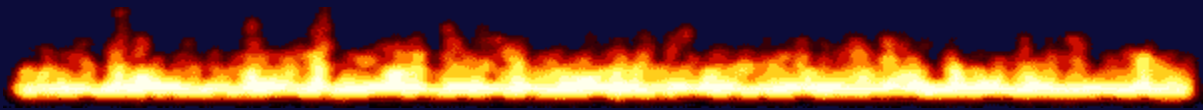
The Angelfire Web Shell

I had a habit of using my account as sort of an early cloud storage solution if you'll allow me that grossly modern comparison. But these pictures! I had completely forgotten about them. I thought them lost long ago, on some ancient camera memory card from a more civilized age.

> Miscellaneous Cool-Ass Geocities Pages

This is the reason I originally made this document in the first place! I made a post on my Bluesky account sharing a few screenshots from a recent old internet adventure.

- [Jason's Site](#)
- [Tower of Saldon Arc](#)
- [YOUR SHAPE IS MADE OF EDGES.](#)
- [MyHell](#)
- [Everything About Nothing](#)
- [Y2K Bugs ..Friendly BUGGERS ADOPTION](#)
- [Manda's World](#)



This is the end of the document! Thanks for checking it out. If you'd like to check me out, you can find me using the links below:

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